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Will do. I'll send the LA times story Monday.

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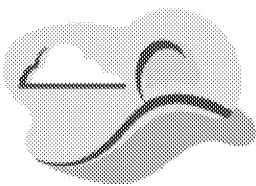
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NEWS UPDATE

April 20, 2018

Top Stories

More than 95% of world's population breathing unhealthy air

By James Masters, CNN • • Posted April 20, 2018

More than 95% of the world's population is breathing unhealthy air and the poorest nations are the hardest hit, a new report has found. According to the annual State of Global Air Report, published Tuesday by the Health Effects Institute (HEI), long-term exposure to air pollution contributed to an estimated 6.1 million deaths across the globe in 2016. [[read more ...](#)]

King Tells Iowa RFA: "I Want Ethanol Sold To, Through, and Beyond the E15 Blend."

By AJ Taylor, KIOW • • Posted April 20, 2018

Congressman Steve King, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, released the following statement after meeting today with members of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association. During their meeting, Congressman King re-affirmed his strong support for biofuels, telling participants that he wants to see ethanol sold in blends that go "to, through, and beyond" the E15 mix. [[read more ...](#)]

Policy & Politics

Air pollution can be bad for the brain — these are the cleanest and the smoggiest places in America

By Sarah Berger, CNBC • • Posted April 20, 2018

Ozone pollution, or smog (created by emissions from industrial facilities and electric utilities, vehicle exhaust, gasoline vapors and chemical solvents, according to the Environmental Protection Agency) is worse than in 2017, according to the report, released Wednesday. It also found nearly 128.9 million people live in 185 counties that earned an "F" grade for ozone. [[read more ...](#)]

China cuts smog but health damage already done: study

By David Stanway, Reuters • • Posted April 20, 2018

While China has made progress cutting smog, the damage to the health of millions of people may already have been done, especially as the population ages, the head of a U.S.-based research agency said. China faces about 1.6 million premature deaths a year as a result of air pollution, the U.S.-based Health Effects Institute (HEI) said in a report, based on data going back to 1990, published on Tuesday [[read more ...](#)]

EPA regs spurred public health gains in Atlanta — study

Sean Reilly, E&E News reporter • • Posted April 20, 2018

For the sprawling Atlanta metro area, tighter regulations on power plants and vehicles yielded a long-term payoff in both dramatically improved air quality and fewer emergency room visits, according to a study released today by the Health Effects Institute. The study, carried out by researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University, examined the impact of a suite of EPA initiatives driven mainly by the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments and primarily aimed at cutting emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides (NOx). [[read more ...](#)]

Pruitt on GHG drop: Trump's 'critics are wrong again'

Niina Heikkinen, E&E News reporter • • Posted April 20, 2018

while EPA touted the 11 percent decrease in carbon emissions between 2005 and 2016, the press release did not mention that carbon emissions actually increased by about 2.4 percent from baseline levels set during EPA's first inventory in 1990. The report shows that the transportation sector accounted for 28.7 percent of total greenhouse gas emissions in 2016, followed closely by the electric power sector at 28.6 percent and industry at 21.7 percent. Just as the power sector has reduced emissions, industry emissions have also declined at least in part due to a shift away from manufacturing to more service-oriented jobs, according to the inventory. [read more ...]

Perdue's Strong First Year at USDA May Be Clouded By Ethanol Doubts

By Chuck Abbott, Agriculture.com • • Posted April 20, 2018

Sonny Perdue was a stranger to the Farm Belt when President Trump selected him as agriculture secretary – a former two-term governor from Georgia and only the second Southerner to lead USDA, a post that often goes to someone from the Midwest. Perdue minted his reputation as agriculture's ambassador during his first week on the job by helping to persuade Trump to renegotiate NAFTA rather than abandon it. [read more ...]

Trump's EPA argues more people will die in car accidents unless California fuel rules are weakened

By Evan Halper, Los Angeles Times • • Posted April 20, 2018

The Trump administration is embracing a curious — and some would say dated — argument as it builds its case to weaken federal rules championed by California that require cars and SUVs to average 55 miles per gallon by 2025. It is warning that the fuel-efficiency targets, seen by most as key to meeting climate and air quality goals in California and nationwide, could actually end up killing people. Trump's Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt is tossing aside reams of federal and California data showing the fuel economy standards are perfectly safe. Instead, Pruitt's directive this month to potentially scale back the fuel standard says "an important factor" is the need to reexamine safety issues. [read more ...]

China Loosens Foreign Auto Rules, in Potential Peace Offering to Trump

By KEITH BRADSHAW, New York Times • • Posted April 20, 2018

Beijing and Washington have threatened each other with tariffs for weeks, raising the prospect of a trade war. But on Tuesday, China took a step to lower tensions, offering to make it easier for foreign automakers and aerospace manufacturers to own factories in the country. The Chinese authorities said that in the next five years they would ease rules that have long required carmakers like General Motors, Toyota and Volkswagen to link up with a local partner before building a factory in China. For manufacturers of electric cars, as well as for companies that make jetliners, helicopters and drones, Beijing plans to move even faster, eliminating foreign ownership limits this year. [read more ...]

Trump's new energy guy is a 28-year-old known as 'the kid'

Zack Colman and Hannah Northey, E&E News reporters • • Posted April 20, 2018

Francis Brooke frequently wears purple — the Northwestern University alumnus and former Wildcats baseball pitcher is known to sport the school's plum shade whenever possible. When his name surfaced as President Trump's new energy aide, some people thought of a different color: green, as

in inexperienced. That's the label 28-year-olds get when they step into a prominent White House role. [[read more ...](#)]

Anti-ethanol pundits show how Iowa uses less of its own product

By John Siciliano and Josh Siege, Washington Examiner • • Posted April 20, 2018

A study showing that U.S. ethanol leader Iowa doesn't use a lot of its own corn-based fuel is exciting some in the anti-ethanol crowd in Washington. "Iowa — the number one ethanol producer and corn grower in the United States — reaps arguably the greatest benefits from the Renewable Fuel Standard program, but on average, there is less ethanol in the motor fuels that Iowans buy [at their local retailers] than what consumers buy in the rest of the country as a whole," a summary of the new study reads. [[read more ...](#)]

Undermining Trump

By John Siciliano and Josh Siege, Washington Examiner • • Posted April 20, 2018

"Discontinuing the issuance of small refinery hardship waivers would be a violation of the Renewable Fuel Standard," EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said in a statement to John on Wednesday. "EPA doesn't have the authority to pick and choose which provisions of the RFS to follow," she said. [[read more ...](#)]

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